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ALL FOR THESE REFORMS

However newspapers and individuals may disagree with the purposes of the new League of Virginia Democrats, so far as they concern Senators Martin and Swanson, both of whom this league desires to defeat for re-election, few newspapers and comparatively few individuals are apt to differ with the league in its avowed purpose to bring about legislation which will give the State legalized primaries, provide for appeals from registrars, abolish the fee system, and provide for the selection of judges at the primaries by the regular electoral boards in the various cities and counties. These purposes are commendable, and meet our hearty approval, but in the vortex of the campaign about to commence we fear that these laudable purposes will be engulfed and lost sight of, and should the campaign result adversely to the candidates of the league, Messrs. Jones and Glass, which is more than probable, then we anticipate a decided loss of interest in the legislative program set forth. Something ought to be done, and promptly done, so this paper has repeatedly urged, to do away with the chaotic and unsatisfactory conditions now existing relative to our primaries. They are irregular, loose and in many instances corrupt and fraudulent, participated in by Republicans, who have no earthly business voting in Democratic primaries; regulated by no proper laws, and generally condemned by fair-minded men in this State. Hence something should be done to compel the General Assembly to place safeguards around them by legislation. All political parties should be compelled to hold primary elections, and all should be held on the same day. Election officials should be appointed by the regular electoral boards. Appeals should be provided from the decisions of registrars in both buying and denying registration. Buying and selling of votes either in regular or primary elections should be followed by disfranchisement, if not for life then at least for a term of years, as is done in Ohio and many other States. Until these things are done by the General Assembly of Virginia we cannot hope for fair elections and we cannot look for a decrease in the prevailing corruption. Of course it by no means follows that this new league by promulgating these reforms is the only body of Democrats who favor them. Thousands of Democrats are just as heartily in favor of these things as are members of the league and at the last session of the Assembly an excellent primary bill was introduced by Mr. Byrd which, had it become a law, would, we believe, have given complete satisfaction. We believe that Senators Martin and Swanson themselves favor the reforms mentioned and the friends of all of the Senatorial candidates, no matter how much they disagree on the merits of their respective candidates, can at least get together in securing the enactment of the necessary laws.

DR. DUNAWAY PLEASED WITH DIXON'S NEW BOOK

Fredricksburg, Va., March 11, 1911. To The Free Lance.

Thomas Dixon sent me an advance copy of his new book, "The Root of Evil," from the publishing house of Doubleday, Page & Co., New York, with the request that I would read and review it. While I do not read many novels I have read the one with interest and pleasure. The author and publishers have alike done their work well. The title of the book is aptly chosen. The book is a strong and well told story of the struggle and conflict between love and riches. It points out the folly, not to say wickedness, of marriages for mercenary considerations, the evil and sin of an undue love of money, and condemns the methods that many business men and capitalists employ to accumulate vast wealth to the injury of the masses of the people. The book shows what the scriptures declare, "that that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent." The moral lessons taught by the book are very wholesome. While the reading of novels of the dime class so extensively indulged in by our young people, is to be regretted and condemned, yet there is a class of novels that ought to be read more than they are because of their high literary, historical and moral worth. Such a book is the character of Mr. Dixon's last book "The Root of Evil." One may be known by the books he reads as well as by the company he keeps, for there is a companionship of books as well as people. It has been well said, "a good book is often the best arm of life, ensuring the lasting benefits of which life is incapable." Thus good books are often treasures of good words and golden thoughts which remembered and cherished bring comfort and solace to the weary of mind and heart, and in contact with the best, noblest and greatest minds I would advise our young people to read much, but be very careful what you read.

T. S. Dunaway.

JONES AND GLASS TO SPEAK

New League to Clean up Norfolk County Politics.

One of the tenets of the newly-organized Virginia Democratic League is the political destruction of Alvin H. Martin, the Republican clerk of Norfolk county.

"You may say that it is our purpose to clean up the present political situation in Norfolk county, and that in doing so we will bend every effort to encompass the defeat of Alvin H. Martin," said Manager C. B. Garrett, of the league.

An active speaking campaign will be waged throughout the State until the next primary, to secure the election of men to the United States Senate and to the General Assembly who follow the purpose of the league, as set forth in the platform. Representative Jones and Representative Glass will therefore make speeches in Norfolk during the extra session of Congress.

In addition there will be speeches by many of the leaders in the new movement, generally known as the "anti-machine" campaign. Former Governor A. J. Montague, former Congressmen Harry S. Tucker and other men active in the league will make addresses.

"Besides," says Mr. Garrett, "in pursuance of our platform of principals, we shall endeavor to secure the election of candidates to the Legislature who are in sympathy with our views."

The only reason why Mr. Jones and Mr. Glass are not already in the field making speeches, according to Mr. Garrett, is that they were swamped with work during the closing of the Legislature. They are understood to be now preparing their material for the campaign, while it may be that it will not be practicable to have any speeches before the first Monday in April. The opening of the contest will hardly be delayed longer than that date.

ANOTHER LINE PROPOSED

Talk of Extending Seven Pines Trolley to Urbanna.

Tentative plans for the extension of the Seven Pines Trolley Line from Richmond to Urbanna have been presented to Wm. Northrop, president of Virginia Railway and Power Company, by John C. Robertson, Mr. Northrop said he had discussed the plan with Mr. John Robertson and had agreed to recommend to his board of directors the sale of the Seven Pines Line outright to the proposed company as a nucleus from which to extend to the Rappahannock river. The price was not fixed.

"We will not be connected with the proposed company if the sale goes through," Mr. Robertson said. "It will be a sale outright to a new corporation with which we will not be connected unless we make some commercial arrangement for the sale of current."

Mr. Robertson's plan is to build from the present terminus of the trolley line at Seven Pines within the next twelve or eighteen months, through the town of Stafford, to King William C. H., thence to King and Queen C. H., and thence to Urbanna, in Middlesex county, where a terminal station is contemplated, and a branch line to Stafford. The exact line has not been surveyed, but it will penetrate five counties now without railway facilities.

Mr. Robertson has not indicated who will be his financial associates which will require a capital of about \$1,000,000.

MANY AUTOS STILL UNLICENSED

About 1,700 automobiles privately owned in the State of Virginia for 1911 were on the roads of Virginia for 1911. This does not include the dealers, of whom forty have been licensed in this State for the year. It is believed that the number carrying licenses is fully 1,000 short of the actual number using the roads, although it is anticipated that by the opening of spring the owners in Washington and at other points near the State will take out license. New automobiles are daily added to the list.

\$9,000 SUBSCRIBED FOR PROPOSED ROAD

A large and enthusiastic gathering at Urbanna Friday in behalf of the proposed railroad to West Point was addressed by Gov. Mann and Commodore W. McDonald Lee. The amount of \$9,000 was subscribed by those present. The Governor was much applauded, and what he said deeply impressed his hearers.

T. O. Sandy made a very interesting talk on corn culture to the boys, who organized the boys' corn club, the first in that county.

STATE HORTICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

The State Horticultural experiment station for Piedmont Virginia has been located at Crozet, Albemarle county. Twenty-five acres of land have been acquired for a term of fifteen years. The Virginia experiment station at Blacksburg will handle the apple and peach trees for the benefit of the public. The station is near the depot at Crozet. The enterprise will be of great benefit to the fruit growers of that section of the State. There was much rivalry to secure the location of the plant.

TO WED

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mills, of Louisa, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Astor Mills, to John Hudson Winston. The wedding will be celebrated some time in April.

MONEY TO LOAN

In sums to suit good security. Apply to Lee J. Graves, attorney.

## STAFFORD NOTES FROM MOUNT

Mount, Va., March 9.

Miss Maud Luck, our popular and attractive teacher of Forest Home school, finished her term Saturday, March 4. The school-house was beautifully decorated with evergreen and the dinner which followed was much enjoyed by all the young folks who were sorry to lose Miss Luck from our neighborhood, as she endeavored herself alike to pupils and patrons.

Miss Olive Combs, Gordon Cato, Olney Powers and Mordine Moore, were Leary Cato, of Washington, spent a few days with his parents enroute to Richmond, where he will visit his uncle, Mr. B. Leary.

Miss Vanetta Keys, of St. Elmo, spent Sunday with friends near here.

Miss Rata Cato has returned home, after a pleasant visit to her sister, Mrs. R. M. Canady, of Washington.

The community was shocked to learn of the death of Mrs. Jack Powers, of Haymarket, who formerly resided near here, but during her illness was with her father, Dr. Tallos.

Mrs. Ben Garrett, of Sunny Side, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Garrett, of Chestnut Hill.

Mr. E. P. Cato, who has been in business in Washington, has returned home.

Mr. W. C. Atchison was a visitor, in the Ruff last week.

Mr. James Mountjoy came near losing his store last week by a fire, which started while the family was eating breakfast, but was extinguished before much damage was done.

Miss Clara A. Cator spent a few days with friends in Joplin.

Blair J. T. Norton will conduct services at the White Horse church Sunday, March 19, 11 a. m.

Italy.

THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. PAGE

It was upon the recommendation of Judge Emory, of the tariff board that President Taft decided upon the appointment of Dr. Thomas S. Page, of the University of Virginia, to membership on the new commission. This explanation is made by Senator Thomas S. Page, who recently visited Senator Emory and was in the White House, said Senator Page, "was at the direction of the President in connection with the appointment of Dr. Page. The President informed me that he had been recommended by Judge Emory; that the latter was well acquainted with the Virginian and thoroughly familiar with Dr. Page's knowledge of social economy."

"Our opinion was asked upon the subject and we approved of the appointment. That's how it came about."

ANXIOUS FOR TEXAS TRIP

Applications for permission to participate in the maneuvers along the Mexican border continue to pour in the office of Adjutant-General Sale, in Richmond. The number who have thus far made requests to go to the front is nearly 115. Only 165 officers in New York State, which boasts the largest National Guard in the country have thus far been accepted for the trip.

General Sale is expecting information from Washington designating the officers of the State guard who will be accepted to go first to Texas.

It is hardly likely that all of the officers who have volunteered their services will be able to go to San Antonio at one time, but it is believed to be the intention of the War Department to give all an opportunity, and to this end will likely adopt a rotating system of sending them to the scene of operations.

TO INSPECT THE MIDDLESEX

Mr. W. D. Scott, agent of the M. D. and Va. Railway Co., left Sunday for Baltimore, where he will join Mr. Willard Thompson, vice-president, and Mr. T. M. Mordock, traffic manager. The party will visit Newport News to inspect the progress being made upon the new pier, which is under construction, and will also inspect the extensive repairs to the Newport News Ship Yard Co. to her machinery, besides adding a third dock for additional state rooms.

EDUCATIONAL ADDRESSES

Prof. A. B. Chandler, Jr., of Fredricksburg, State School Examiner, will visit the interest of the public schools at Danbrook Tuesday, March 21, at 7:30 p. m., at Lloyds Wednesday, March 22, at 1 p. m., at Tappahannock Wednesday, March 22, at 7:30 p. m., and at Newland, Richmond county, Thursday, March 23, at 11 o'clock.

APPOINTED COMMISSIONER

Judge R. H. L. Chichester entered a decree in the suit of Marshall, etc., v. Turnley, administrator, etc., Saturday, March 11, at 11 o'clock, appointing Mr. Chichester, to make sale of a tract of 65 acres of land near Goodloes, Va.

SERVICES AT TRINITY

In the absence of Rev. H. B. Barber, who is holding a mission at Falls Church, Rev. Mr. O'Brien preached at Trinity Sunday both morning and evening. There was a large congregation at each service and Mr. Gibbs preached two able sermons.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Dr. R. G. Bledsoe, of Orange, and Mr. E. A. Halslop, of Spotsylvania, passed through the city Monday enroute to Richmond, where they took Miss Martha Halslop for treatment. Miss Halslop is the daughter of Supervisor E. C. Halslop, of Spotsylvania.

QUALIFIED IN STAFFORD COUNTY

Mr. W. L. Burrus, Jr., was at Stafford Monday, where he qualified to practice law in the Circuit court of Stafford county.

MARTIN MAY BE SENATE LEADER

Senator Thomas S. Martin, of Virginia, will be Democratic leader of the Senate in the new Congress, according to Representative C. C. Carlin, of the District.

In Mr. Carlin's opinion the only thing in the way of the senior Senator attaining this responsible position will be the own unwillingness to assume the additional burden. Many demands will be constantly made upon him, although on greater. "All he has to do, in my judgment, is to ask for the place of floor leader," said Mr. Carlin.

VIRGINIA NEWS

Liquor license in Warrenton has been raised from \$750 to \$1,000 for 1911.

The bakery of L. E. McGill at Reedville was burned a few days ago. Loss \$1,500, insurance \$700.

Healy's mill, in Richmond county, was destroyed by fire a few nights ago. The property was insured for \$1,200.

Harry T. Borst and Miss Ode Cockrill, both of Warrenton, were married in Rockville Friday. Rev. W. D. Keene officiating.

Montgomery Hall, 400 acres on the Valley river, near Staunton, has been sold by Frank Walter to Bates Warren, of Washington, for \$100,000.

Deaths

Marion Johnson, a farmer of Louisa county, dropped dead at his home a few days ago.

Deputy City Sergeant John E. Epps, of Richmond, died Sunday morning of pneumonia. He was for eight years Sheriff of the city of Richmond and a former legislator.

Mrs. Nannie Watt, wife of Rev. W. E. Watt, of Gloucester, died at her home Friday. Her husband and her children, Mrs. John Brockmeyer, of Warrenton; Mrs. A. E. Segar, of Middlesex county; Miss Mary G. Watt, of Gloucester, and Robert H. Watt, of Middlesex, were all present at the time of Mrs. Watt's death. Mrs. Watt leaves one sister, Mrs. A. H. Robins, of Richmond.

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NOTICE

Educational Meeting and Patrons Day at Brooke Public School.

There will be a meeting at Brooke public school on Friday, the 17th instant, at 11 o'clock, of all those who are interested in better schools in the community and county. The patrons are particularly urged to be present, as the upbuilding and success of the public schools depend in a large measure upon their interest and cooperation. The teachers of the county are also asked to meet with us if possible.

Mr. A. B. Chandler, school examiner, will address the meeting, and we are hoping to have other speakers also.

Come and make this meeting a pleasant and profitable one.

James Ashby, Superintendent of Schools, March 7, 1911.

PROPOSALS FOR BRIDGE IN SPOTSYLVANIA

The Board of Public Roads of Spotsylvania will receive bids on Friday, March 24th, 1911, at 11 A. M., in the Business Men's Association Room of this city, for a reinforced concrete bridge over Hazel Run. The plans and specifications are on file in the State Highway Commissioner's Office, Richmond, Va.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

A certified check for \$100 must accompany each bid, said check to be payable to Dr. W. A. Harris, Secretary.

LOCAL MARKETS

(Corrected by Simon Hirsch & Bro.)

Wheat, 85c to 90c; corn, 54c to 55c; meal, \$1.30 to \$1.50 per 100-lbs.; 40 to 45c; old beans, live, 10 to 11; dressed, 12 to 13; spring chickens, 12 to 15; eggs, 15 to 16; lard, 14 to 15; ducks, 9 to 10; dressed 14 to 15; butter, 20 to 25; country hams, 20 to 22; bacon sides, 12 to 16; Irish potatoes, 50 to 65c; 65c; 25 to 30; hides, green, 7; dry, salted, 10 to 12; dry hides, 19 to 15c; skins No. 1, \$1.00 to \$1.25; baled hay, \$18 to \$20 per ton; live hogs, 8 to 9; beef, live weight, 10 to 12c; State wool, 20 to 22 per lb.; veal, 6 to 7; sweet potatoes, 60 to 65; dressed chickens, 15 to 16; turkeys live, 17 to 18; turkeys dressed, 21 to 22; turkeys undrawn, 19 to 20.

FOR RENT

At Toluca, Stafford county, Va., one large store and warehouse and barn and dwelling house and all necessary outbuildings and good well of water in yard. One of the best stands in the county.

For terms apply to N. B. Musselwhite, Fredricksburg, Va. 112-14

WORK AND BROOD MARES WANTED

I want to purchase two good work and brood mares from 4 to 10 years old, which will weigh about 1,100 pounds each. Write description to me.

J. D. Burke, Paige, Va.

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JACK FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE

Black Stallion Jack O. K., for sale or exchange. Write me what you have. Address for 30 days, Kennon, Orange, Va.

Route 2, Imar1-14

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

Real estate of every description for sale. Large timber tracts in all parts of the country. I can supply every want of the real estate investor or the home-seeker. J. T. Mason, 28 Law Building, Richmond, Va.

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FOR SALE

Bright, clean, sweet No. 1 Shredded Corn Fodder. All baled and well housed, at barn or delivered. Phone Mr. John Hart, manager of Juddville farm, or A. H. Hudger, 719 Main street, Fredericksburg, Va. feb15-15w-3w

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## RUNNING THROUGH THE MONTH OF MARCH

Ladies' warranted line of Kid Bluchers, money back if not all solid \$1.50

Misses' Calf Top Blucher, Kid and Pat. Colt, \$1.60 1.25

Boys' Solid Leather Satin Calf Bluchers, 3 and 5 1-2, big bargains 1.39

Boys' Satin Blucher, warranted all leather, 1 to 2 1.25

Youths' Satin Blucher, guaranteed all leather, 10 to 13, see it .98

Children's Lace and Button, light bottoms, 75c and 85c .69

Ladies' Fine Welts from 25c to 75c a pair less than regular price.

We're going to give you a chance to buy the very best, finest quality English Tie at 1.39

Boys' of the same 1.25

Our Celebrated Crawford Shoes \$4.00 at 3.45

Always bear in mind that our regular Welt Shoes, Gun Metal and Pat. Colt, all styles, at \$2.50, is from 50c to a \$1.00 saving.

No such Shoes at the price on the market.

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Every style a late style or a staple, all colors, stiff and soft. To give you an idea of price, let us say that among our

Hat Bargains are some goods worth \$1.50 to \$2.00 that we are selling at \$1.25

This is an opportunity of Real Money Saving in Hats.

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ATTACK FEDERALISTS TAFT DISTURBED

Thousands See Battle Near Mexico and Tariff Problems Annoy Him.

35 KILLED OR WOUNDED KEEPS IN TOUCH WITH EVENTS

Tia Juana, in Lower California, Expects an Attack by Rebels and Women and Children Leave the Town.

Douglas, Ariz., March 12.—Thirty-five were killed or wounded in a battle when General Blanco, vice-president, came out of the canyon east of Agua Prieta, and was engaged by a federal force of 300.

The battle was spectacular and was witnessed by thousands. The rebels withdrew, but are expected to attack again in a short time.

Expect Attack in Southern California. Tia Juana, Mex., March 13.—Mexican rurales who are guarding the border are expecting an attack by insurgents to come within the next few days.

All the women and children left the town as soon as it became light, and a few non-combatants took the opportunity to get away from the impending fighting.

The rebels are encamped about five miles east of Tia Juana, and scouts reported that it was evidently the intention of the rebel forces to attack Tia Juana. Four preparations have been made for an attack, and the rebels have brought up so that they now make very effective defenses.

This dispatch has just been received at Tia Juana from J. B. Morales, justice of the peace at Tecate:

"A band of rebels, made up of Mexicans, Indians and Americans, have pillaged the house of Walter Dupre, a millionaire rancher near here, stealing a 10000 station and supplies. Later they stole saddles and horses and provisions from the ranch of Ramon Mendez. The Ensenada stage was held up and robbed by them."

REBEL DEFEAT COMPLETE

Madero's Forces Routed and Fifty-five Americans Killed.

Chihuahua, Mex., March 13.—Reports received by Governor Miguel Ahumada from Casas Grandes show that the defeat of the rebel forces under Francisco L. Madero near that place by federals will be so overwhelming that there is little chance of the scattered army again assuming formidable array.

The president has found himself in more or less distinguished company in August. In the first place John D. Rockefeller is quartered on the same floor with him at the Ben-Air hotel. These two very important Americans met on the golf links and chatted for a few minutes. They have not called on each other at the hotel, though Mr. Rockefeller is exclusive and remains in his rooms even for his meals. He only leaves them when he goes to the Country club for golf. He never comes to the diningroom or the sun parlors or otherwise mingles with the guests of the big hotel.

The president, on the other hand, does not do all the things that Mr. Rockefeller does not. He and his party have a table near the center of the diningroom and take all their meals there. They go to the parlors or the lobby nearly all the time they are not going or motoring.

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